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1. FOLLOWING CORRESPONDS TO POINTS AS RAISED IN REFTEL CON-
CERNING UNDP PROGRAM IN GUATEMALA.
(A) UNDP RES REP ORLANDO OLCESE OPENED GUATEMALA OFFICE IN
MAY 1974 AND HAS CONCENTRATED ON ORGANIZATION OF HIS MISSION
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AND CONSOLIDATING HIS AUTORITY OVER PROGRAMS OF OTHER UN

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AGENCIES HERE. CLAIMS THAT IN LAST 12 MONTHS RES REPS WORLD-
WIDE HAVE BEEN GIVEN GREATER AUTHORITY TO COORDINGATE AND DIRECT
ALL UN PROGRAMS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. RES REP IS
FORMALLY ACCREDITED TO GOG AS DIRECTOR OF ALL UN AGENCIES IN
GUATEMALA. UNICEF IS PARTICIPATING IN UNDP GUATEMALA COUNTRY
PROGRAMMING.
(B) UNDP PARTICIPATES IN SESSIONS HELD PERIODICALLY IN CON-
JUNCTION WITH ROCAP, AID, UNIDO, FAO, OAS, IDB, IICA,
THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND OTHER BILATERAL MISSIONS
TO ATTEMPT COORDINATION OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO GUATE-
MALA. OLCESE FEELS GUATEMALAN NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
(CNPE) SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THIS
COORDINGATION BUT CNPE HAS NOT DONE SO TO DATE.
(C) AS STATED ABOVE IN (A) RES REP HAS BEEN GRANTED SIGNI-
FICANT ADDITIONAL CONTROL OVER OTHER IN-COUNTRY UN ACTIVITIES
DURING PAST YEAR. OLCESE FEELS HE NOW HAS ALL THE AUTHORITY
NEEDED TO EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE BOTH NORMAL AND "AD HOC"
UN OPERATIONS.
(D) SINCE GUATMALAN OFFICE JUST OPEND LAST MAY NO COUNTRY
PROGRAM REVIEW HAS YET BEEN COMPLETED. EXERCISE IS BEING
UNDERTAKEN BY OLCESE IN CONJUNCTION WITH DRAFTING OF A
FOUR YEAR PLAN FOR UNDP ACTIVITIES IN GUATEMALA COVERING
THE 1976/79 PERIOD. RES REP PLAYING ACTIVE ROLE IN PLANNING
OF PROGRAM FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS AND INTENDS TO DEVELOP BETTER
COORDINATION BETWEEN OTHER DONOR AGENCIES IN IMPLEMENTING
UNDP'S PROGRAM.
(E) GIVEN RELATIVELY RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF RES REP OFFICE
IN GUATEMALA MISSION HAS REVIEWED NO UNDP PROPOSED PROJECTS.
LIAISON HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, HOWEVER, AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE
FOR USAID/G TO RECEIVE COPIES OF FUTURE PROJECT PRO-
POSALS IN DRAFT FORM. MISSION WILL FORWARD REPORT TO AID/W
OFFERING MISSION COMMENTS ON SUCH PROPOSALS.
(F) RES REP STATED THAT NO PROJECTS WERE PARTICULARLY
WEAK, MERELY TROUBLESOME DUE TO EITHER GOG BUREAUCRATIC
CONFUSION (HYDROLOGY/METEOROLOGY PROJECT) OR LABOR UNION
PROBLEMS (POSTAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT). IMPORTANT TO NOTE
THAT PACE OF UNDP IMPLEMENTATION HAS INCREASED MARKEDLY
SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF RES REP OFFICE. IN 1973 DIS-
BURSEMENTS TOTALED $762,000 WHILE IN 1974 THEY REACHED
$1.4 MILLION. OLCESE REPORTS NO TROUBLES WITH GOG COUNTER-
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PART NOR ANY HOUSING AND ALLOWANCES PROBLEMS.
(G) RES REP HAS INITATED TRIPARTITE REVIEW SYSTEM IN GUATE-
MALA AND ALL PROJECTS ARE REVIEWED EVERY SIX MONTHS. OL-
CESE FEELS REVIEWS HAVE BEEN, IN PART, RESPONSIBLE FOR
UNDP'S MORE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPROVED PROGRAM
CONTROL. REVIEWS ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO OLCESE'S EFFORTS
AT CONSOLIDATING HIS OVERALL PROGRAM AUTHORITY. MISSION FEELS
RES REP'S ANNUAL REPORT IS THOROUGH AND WELL PREPARED

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(H) THE UNDP RES REP IS COGNIZANT OF IMPORTANCE OF INTREGRATING WOMEN INTO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND READILY ADMITS THAT EFFORTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN UNSATISFACTORY. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN GUATEMALA EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ELICIT FEMALE PARTICIPATION ESPECIALLY IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SECTORS.
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